

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 is cancelled.

Claim 2 is cancelled.

Claim 3 is cancelled.

Claim 4 (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1-5 wherein the gas generating material is oxygen balanced so that the carbon in the gas generating material is converted, upon combustion, to carbon dioxide and the hydrogen in the gas generating composition is converted, upon combustion, to water.

Claim 5 (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising; a vehicle occupant protection device and a gas generating material, which upon combustion produces a gas product that actuates the vehicle occupant protection device, and an ignition material for igniting the gas generating material, the gas generating material comprising a single-base composition and being free of an energetic plasticizer; the single base composition consisting essentially of:

about 90 to about 95% by weight of the single-base composition being nitrocellulose,

about 3% to about 5% by weight of the single-base composition being a stabilizer, the stabilizer being a urea of an aromatic amine, and

less than about 5% by weight of the single-base composition being a non-energetic plasticizer.

Claim 6 is cancelled.

Claim 7 (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the urea of the aromatic amine is selected from the group consisting of ethyl centralite, 1,1-diphenylurea, 1,1-diphenyl-3-methyl-urea, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising;  
a vehicle occupant protection device;  
a gas generating material, which upon combustion produces a gas product that actuates said vehicle occupant protection device; said gas generating material consisting essentially of a single-base composition, said single-base composition including greater than 2%, by weight of the single-base composition, stabilizer, wherein said stabilizer is a urea of an aromatic amine; and  
an ignition material for igniting the gas generating material.